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 July 18, 2001

UNITED STATES
 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 144

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF SECURITIES
 PURSUANT TO RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ATTENTION: Transmit for filing 3 copies of this form concurrently with either placing an order with a broker to execute sale or executing a sale directly with a market maker.

1(a) NAME OF ISSUER (Please type or print) (b) IRS IDENT. NO. (c) S.E.C. FILE NO.
 TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC 36-2669023 001-14157

1(d) ADDRESS OF ISSUER STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE
 30 N. LaSalle St., Ste. 4000 Chicago IL 60602

2(a) NAME OF PERSON FOR WHOSE (b) SOCIAL SECURITY NO. (c) RELATIONSHIP (d) ADDRESS
 ACCOUNT THE SECURITIES ARE TO BE SOLD OR IRS IDENT. NO. TO ISSUER
 LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr. ----- Affiliate 30 N. LaSalle Ste. 4000

INSTRUCTION: The person filing this notice should contact the issuer to obtain the IRS. Identif S.E.C. File Number.

| 3(a) Title of the Class of Securities To Be Sold | (b) Name and Address of Each Broker Through Whom the Securities are to be Offered or Each Market Maker who is Acquiring the Securities | SEC USE ONLY ----- Broker-Dealer File Number | (c) Number of Shares or Other Units To be sold (See instr. 3 (c)) | (d) Aggregate Market Value (See instr. 3 (d)) | (e) Number of Shares or Other Outstanding (See instr. 3 (e)) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| Common | Merrill Lynch 5550 Sears Tower Chicago, IL 60606 | | 47,100 | \$5,133,900.00 | 51, |

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| <p>1.</p> <p>a) Name of Issuer</p> <p>b) Issuer's I.R.S. Identification Number</p> <p>c) Issuer's S.E.C. file number, if any</p> <p>d) Issuer's address, including zip code</p> <p>e) Issuer's telephone number, including area code</p> | <p>3.</p> <p>a) Title of the class of securities are intended</p> <p>b) Name and address of each securities, give the aggregate market value as of a specified date within 90 days of the date of this notice</p> <p>c) Number of shares or other securities, give the aggregate market value as of a specified date within 90 days of the date of this notice</p> <p>d) Aggregate market value of securities, give the aggregate market value as of a specified date within 90 days of the date of this notice</p> <p>e) Number of shares or other securities, give the aggregate market value as of a specified date within 90 days of the date of this notice</p> <p>f) Approximate date on which securities are intended to be sold</p> <p>g) Name of each securities are intended to be sold</p> |
| <p>2.</p> <p>a) Name of person for whose account the securities are to be sold</p> <p>b) Such person's Social Security or I.R.S. identification number</p> <p>c) Such person's relationship to the issuer (e.g. officer, director, 10% stockholder, or member of immediate family or any of the foregoing)</p> <p>d) Such person's address, including zip code</p> | |

TABLE I - SECURITIES TO BE SOLD

Furnish the following information with respect to the acquisition of the securities and with respect to the payment of all or any part of the purchase price or other consideration.

| Title of the Class | Date You Acquired | Nature of Acquisition Transaction | Name of Person from Whom Acquired (If gift, also date donor acquired) | Amount of Securities Acquired |
|--------------------|-------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Common | Today | Exercise of employee stock options pursuant to a S-8 Registration | Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. | 47,100 |

INSTRUCTIONS: If the securities were purchased and full payment therefore was not made in cash explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the obligation was discharged in full or the last installment period.

TABLE II - SECURITIES SOLD DURING THE PAST 3 MONTHS

Furnish the following information as to all securities of the issuer sold during the past 3 months whose account the securities are to be sold.

| Name and Address of Seller | Title of Securities Sold | Date of Sale | Amount of Securities Sold |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| N/A | | | |

REMARKS:

INSTRUCTIONS: See the definition of "person" in paragraph (a) of Rule 144. Information is to be given only as to the person for whose account the securities are to be sold but also as to all other persons included in that definition. In addition, information shall be given as to sales by all persons whose sales are required by paragraph (e) of Rule 144 to be aggregated with sales for the account of the person filing this notice.

ATTENTION: The person for which this notice relates by signing this notice the adverse information in re operations of the Issuer has not been publicly dis

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/s/: LeRoy

DATE OF NOTICE

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The notice shall be given by the person for whose account the securities are to be of the notice shall be manually signed. Any copies not manually signed shall bear

ATTENTION: Intentional misstatements or omission of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations